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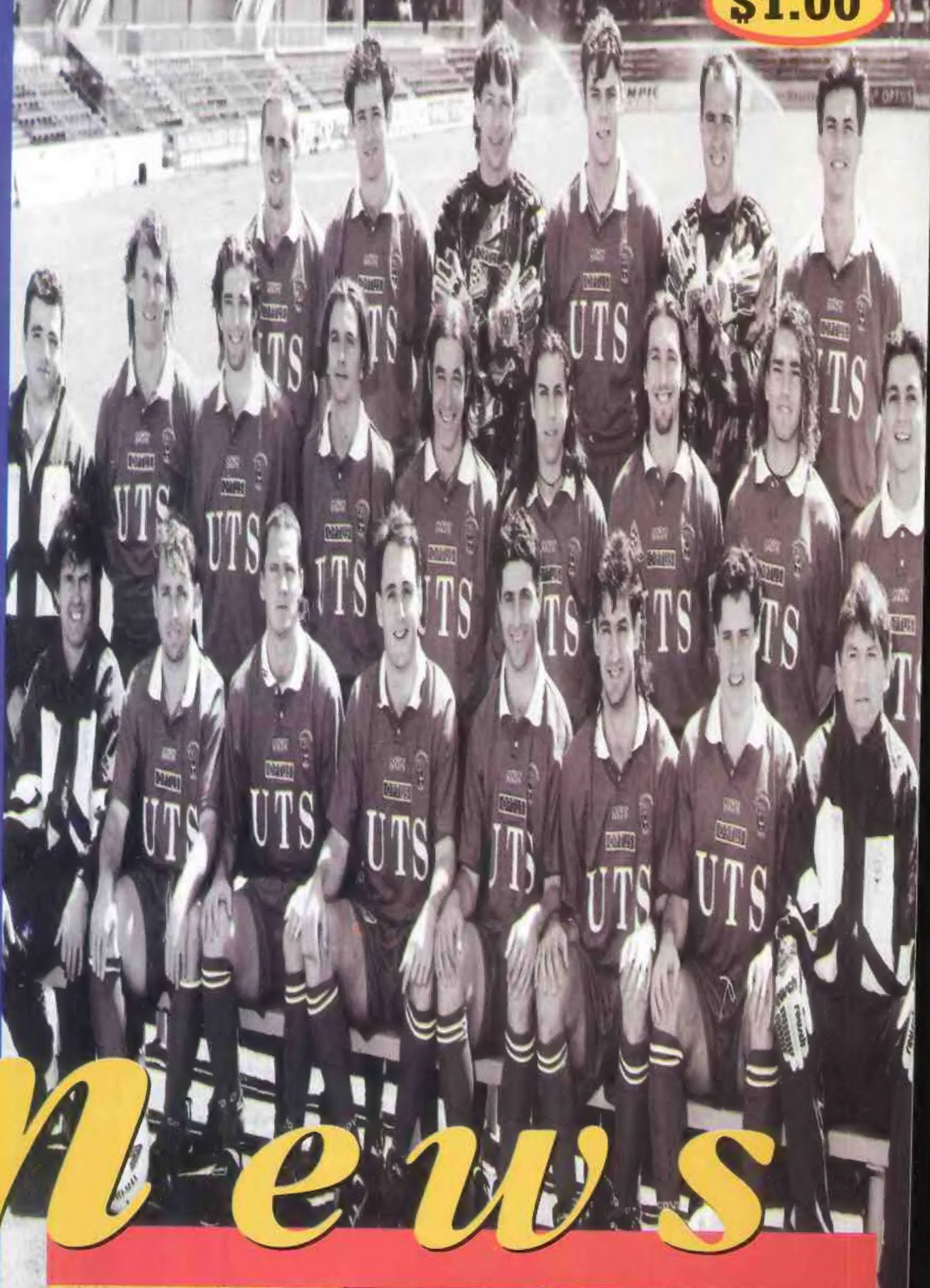


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Runners Up - 1984 - 86 - 89
Cup Winners - 1983 - 85
Cup Runners Up - 1989 89/90
Finalist - 1984 - 85 - 86
1988 - 89
- 1989/90 - 91/92
1993/94

Games record Gary Meier - 296
Goals record Marshall Soper - 45
Goals In Season 16 - Mark Koussas (1982)
Top Scorer 94/95 Norman Tome

Record Win 6-0 vs Apia 1986
in Cup at Leichhardt
Record Loss 1-7 vs Marconi League 93/94

President's Report

This evening we welcome the players, Board of Directors, coaching staff and fans of Adelaide City to Leichhardt Oval.

It will be very exciting to see the League's two top strikers in action in Damien Mori and Kris Trajanovski.

Both players are very exciting as are both teams and there is a lot of interest to see who will finish in the top six.

There are five home games to go this season and I trust all Olympic fans will come and cheer on the players as they head for the finals.

Many fans have travelled interstate to watch the team this year which says a lot about the commitment they have to the club.

— JIM KELAITIS
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Coach's Report

Tonight we welcome Adelaide City to Leichhardt oval. Adelaide boast a number of international players, including Milan Ivanovich, Alex Tobin, Damien Mori, Goran Lozanovski and Jason Petkovic. All these players represented Australia in the recent international games.

So John Perin has plenty of quality players at his disposal this evening. We must congratulate Damien Mori on his record breaking number of goals this season.

The top of the table is becoming very congested with only eight games to go. It looks as though the top six race is down to seven teams with only nine points separating these teams. So every game is crucial now to determine the final places.

I was very pleased with the performance of the team at Morwell on a ground that didn't allow you to produce good soccer. But we looked as though we have turned the corner and the commitment was there from every player.

I was particularly pleased with Kimon Taliadoros who had his best game for a number of weeks. Alistair Edwards was also very impressive and we expect to see continued improved from Alistair.

We welcome Milan Blagojevic back after suspension and hopefully we can get the same team on the field for a few weeks running after the continual disruption with injuries and suspensions.

Peter Tsekenis had his ankle operation and all went well and we are hoping he will be back in a couple of weeks. Unfortunately George Valas is now going into hospital for a knee operation so his season maybe finished.

We are certainly hoping you can all get behind us this evening as we need all your help in this very important game.

— DAVID RATCLIFFE



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Players Profile

No: 4 DEREK POIMER

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Favourite food:	Chinese
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Favourite film:	Seven
Favourite music:	Top 40
My car:	Suzuki Vitari
My hero:	Mike Tyson, Michael Jordan
Favourite holiday spot:	Gold Coast
Tip for young players:	Get as fit as you possibly can.



Photo: Phil Blatch

In September 1995 whilst playing against Marconi in a Waratah Cup match, Derek Poimer injured his knee. He subsequently underwent a knee reconstruction operation which can keep a player out of action for a whole season.

However, as a result of hard work and dedication Derek returned to the team on 11 February 1996 and promptly kicked a goal in each of his first two games against Sydney United and Marconi.

Derek is cautious about his return and admits that it will take him some weeks yet to return to full fitness and form.

Derek says the spirit at Olympic this year is the best he has ever seen. Many say that the club's spirit was strengthened by Derek's contribution to the team and by his courage and desire to play.

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Ivan Zelic jumps for the ball while Nick Meredith waits below.

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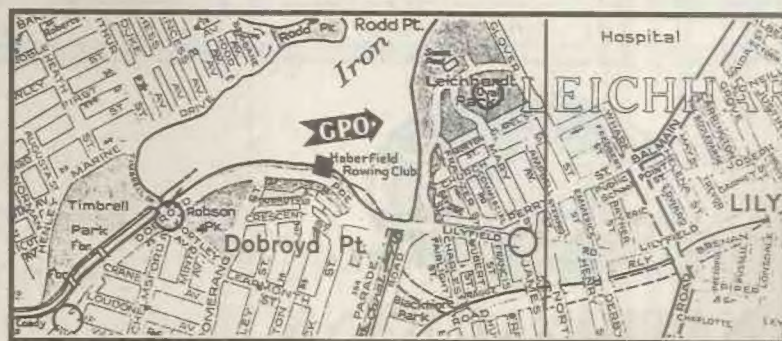
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Olympic Fans by the Bus Load



The club's Ladies Committee put in many hours of work to organise a trip to Brisbane to see Olympic play the Strikers on March 2.

Seven buses left the club full of fans eager to see the game and to enjoy a short holiday on the Gold Coast.



The Ladies Committee headed by Mrs Anesti raised \$12,000 for the club. The Directors wish to thank them for their contribution and to wish them well for the rest of the season.

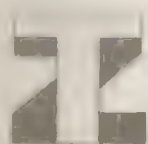


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*Kris Trajanovski
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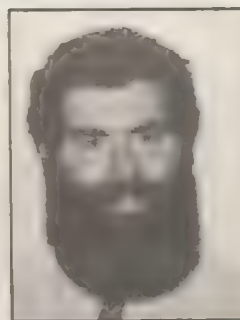
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Whistle Stop

by PHIL HAFEY

The referees seminar held at Gerroa last weekend provided an excellent opportunity for participants to increase the data base of knowledge required to effectively control matches. Experienced referees have a large data base to draw upon during a match and they are able to correctly interpret almost all situations. On the other hand, newer officials are often confronted with situations they have never experienced and, as a result, errors occur.



Apart from actually officiating at matches there are many ways referees can increase their data base of knowledge. These include formal discussion on the laws, structured video observation, watching matches (both Australian and overseas) on television and observing other officials in action.

The participants at the Gerroa seminar had the opportunity to watch a Youth League (fixture where particular attention was to be paid to the linesmen, Nathan Parker (a member of the National Youth League Panel) and Jenny Bray (Australia's woman FIFA referee). Participants had already listened to a lecture on linesmanship and were expected to monitor movement patterns, critically analyse decisions and observe referee/linesman co-operation.

There is no doubt that observing skilled officials is one of the best training methods and the performance level of all the Gerroa participants will improve as a result of completing the set activities.

Every now and then something happens during a game that many referees have never seen and Youth League fixture provided one of these incidents. The referee had to withdraw from the match just after half-time due to injury and the senior linesman, Nathan Parker (who was one of group who had never seen such a situation), took over. Midway through the second half the importance of the new referee having a complete record of what has occurred — goals, cautions, timing etc., was reinforced when a player was cautioned for the second time and the referee did not have a record of the first caution. The situation was quickly rectified when Jenny pointed out the error and the player was sent from the field.

At the debriefing session the following morning, and during informal discussions following the match, the incident was discussed in full and the correct procedure outlined. Also, the performance of the linesmen was discussed and movement patterns as well as offside decisions were analysed. It is through this process that referees develop and gain experience and participants will pass on their knowledge to others in their area.

Other activities at the seminar designed to increase the data base of knowledge included a session where questions based on incidents were discussed and correct interpretations given.

The Gerroa seminar provided another development opportunity for referees and the information gained will result in improved performance on the field at all levels of football by both the participants and the referees with whom they discuss the knowledge gained informally or at subsequent meetings and seminars.

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Australian soccer is fast becoming a breeding ground for English Premier League club, West Ham. The Hammers now boast five Australians on their books with former Morwell Falcons and South Melbourne goalie, Steve Mautone, signing up last week.

Mautone joined the club at a steal for just \$70,000 and continues a fine tradition joining the likes of other English-based goalies, mark Bosnich, John Filan, Jason Kearton, Frank Talia and Zelko Kalacs.

"I had trialled with the Hammers earlier in the year and they seemed pretty happy," Mautone told me before flying out last Thursday.

"I've always wanted to play overseas but to be quite honest the English scene didn't really suit me. I always had a desire to play in France or Spain."

Surprisingly, Mautone, had a falling out at South Melbourne, much like some other high profile players like Con Boutsianis and Francis Awaratife.

Only nine points splits the top seven sides with Morwell and Souths given virtually no hope of making the play-offs. Damian Mori broke the record books again on the weekend scoring both goals in Adelaide City's 2-1 win over South Melbourne.

Mori and Kris Trajanovski could be the key players in today's match of the round. Olympic has slipped lately to be three points behind Marconi but Leichhardt Oval is a very good stamping ground.

Last Monday morning I had the pleasure of presenting the Old Firm match between Rangers and Celtic live on Fox Sports. Sadly for Socceroo Craig Moore the game was a major disappointment.

Moore suffered an injury early in the game and was replaced in the 35th minute. It was only his second derby match after conceding an own goal the first time around almost two years ago.

Moore is one of just a few Aussies playing regular first team football in Europe. Another, Eddie Krncevic, is back home after 14 years playing overseas.

He attended the Melbourne Knights — Marconi game on Sunday and his first impressions of Australian soccer are quite interesting. He feels the standard of the NSL was slow compared to Europe and that Australian players are overweight!!!

"I'd have to say half the players I saw out there today are overweight," Krncevic said: "Diet, what you eat, is your first concern when you go to Europe."

Krncevic feels he could probably play for another couple of years but is more interested in coaching. There are strong rumour he will be appointment coach of the new NSL club, Collingwood Warriors.

"I feel I've got a lot to give to Australian soccer but it has to be the right job," he added.

"There are rumours, I might talk to Collingwood and see what their plans are, see how serious they are and see if they know what they are doing."

Krncevic scored 18 goals in 36 games for Australia and played with eight different clubs in Europe, including Anderlecht, Standard Liege and Croatia Zagreb.

And in news from overseas, Portuguese National goalie, Vitor Baia, will be able to play in the European Championship in England in June after receiving a two-month suspension.

The Portuguese Federation could have suspended the Porto keeper for a year after he assaulted a director from an opposing club almost two weeks ago.

Campomaiorense vice-president Pedro Mocela and Porto's assistant coach Augusto Ignacio will face a league judiciary meeting. Porto's 93rd minute winner was followed by chaos on the pitch as the referee showed three yellow cards and two red cards.

Meantime, 35-year-old Boca Juniors captain, Maradona, has received death threats. Messages have been left on his answering machine from fans of rival clubs, River Plate and San Lorenzo.

And former German international star, Bernd Schuster, could be heading off to the United States. The 36-year-old veteran has reached a settlement with Bayer Leverkusen on the premature termination of his contract.

Schuster, who was bound to the club until June 1997, will receive a 2.5 million dollar payout in severance pay. He was believed to be earning almost \$900,000 a season with a club currently in the middle of the table in the German Bundesliga. (Does he need anyone to help him with his banking???)



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ROUND 23 ERICSSON CUP TABLE 95/96

TEAMS	P	W	D	L	F	A	DIF	PTS
Marconi Fairfield	25	14	6	5	45	26	19	48
UTS Olympic	25	13	6	6	44	32	12	45
Brisbane Strikers	25	12	5	8	39	28	11	41
Melbourne Knights	25	11	8	6	28	17	11	41
Sydney United	25	10	10	5	33	23	10	40
West Adelaide	25	12	4	9	38	31	7	40
Adelaide City	25	11	6	8	48	34	14	39
Morwell Falcons	24	8	6	10	28	42	-14	30
South Melbourne	24	8	4	12	35	42	-7	28
Canberra Cosmos	25	6	9	10	39	47	-8	27
Newcastle Breakers	25	4	5	16	30	56	-26	17
Wollongong City	25	4	3	18	24	53	-29	15

LES SCHEINFLUG YOUTH CUP GRADE: 1

TEAMS	P	W	D	L	F	A	DIF	PTS
Marconi Fairfield	25	18	2	5	74	19	55	56
A.I.S.	26	17	2	7	78	37	41	53
Sydney United	25	16	1	8	55	37	18	49
UTS Olympic	25	12	6	7	52	31	21	42
ACT Academy	24	13	3	8	47	44	3	42
Wollongong City	24	12	3	9	53	48	5	39
Parramatta Eagles	25	9	7	9	43	42	1	34
Qld. Acad of Sport	23	10	3	10	57	37	20	33
Newcastle Breakers	25	9	3	13	38	49	-11	30
Blacktown City	23	5	5	13	35	74	-39	20
NSW ITC	23	3	1	19	24	83	-59	10
St. George	22	2	2	18	19	74	-55	8

GRAHAM ARNOLD COLTS CUP GRADE: 1

TEAMS	P	W	D	L	F	A	DIF	PTS
Macarthur Rams	15	11	0	2	39	13	26	37
Illawarra Lions	14	10	0	2	35	12	23	34
Central Coast	16	8	0	4	36	33	3	32
UTS Olympic	16	10	1	5	22	10	12	31
Warringah Dolphin	16	7	0	5	27	18	9	29
Parramatta Eagles	14	7	0	4	22	25	-3	27
Bankstown City	16	6	1	6	32	25	7	25
Bonnyrigg W E	16	7	0	7	24	26	-2	25
Rockdale City Sun	16	7	0	8	25	29	-4	23
Sydney United	16	4	0	7	22	22	0	22
Leichhardt Tigers	16	5	0	9	16	35	-19	19
Sutherland Sharks	15	5	0	9	29	31	-2	17
Canterbury Berne	16	5	0	11	19	41	-22	15
Adamstown Rosebud	16	1	0	14	15	43	-28	5

UTS OLYMPIC RESULTS

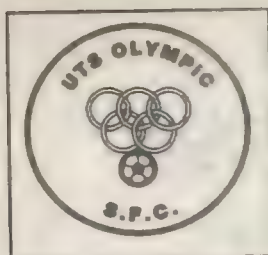
• Round 1	v	Newcastle	2-2D
• Round 2	v	Melbourne Knights	1-0W
• Round 3	v	Morwell	2-4L
• Round 4	v	Adelaide City	1-0W
• Round 5	v	Canberra	3-2W
• Round 6	v	Wollongong	3-0W
• Round 7	v	South Melb.	4-2W
• Round 8	v	Sydney United	2-2D
• Round 9	v	Marconi	0-0D
• Round 10	v	West Adelaide	1-3L
• Round 11	v	Brisbane	1-0W
• Round 12	v	Newcastle	4-0W
• Round 13	v	Melbourne Knights	1-0W
• Round 14	v	Morwell	2-2D
• Round 15	v	Adelaide City	0-0D
• Round 16	v	Canberra	2-0W
• Round 17	v	Wollongong	4-0W
• Round 18	v	South Melbourne	1-2L
• Round 19	v	Sydney United	2-1W
• Round 20	v	Marconi	3-1W
• Round 21	v	West Adelaide	3-2W
• Round 22	v	Brisbane	1-3L
• Round 23	v	Newcastle	0-3L
• Round 24	v	Melbourne Knights	0-2L
• Round 25	v	Morwell	1-1D

UTS TOP SCORERS

Trajanovski.....17	Meredith.....1
Taliadoros.....6	Ciantar.....1
Tome.....7	Bacac.....1
Augerinos.....3	Baillie.....1
Ardone.....2	Slater.....1
Tsekenis.....1	Poimer.....2

NSL TOP SCORERS

Damian Mori.....25	Matthew Bingley.....6
Kris Trajanovski.....17	Craig Foster.....6
Jim Tsekinis.....13	Mario Jermen.....6
Frank Farina.....12	Tomislav Pondeljak.....6
Paul Wade.....11	Kimoni Taliadoros.....6
Francis Awaritefe.....10	David Zdrilic.....6
Rodney Brown.....10	Vaughan Coveny.....5
Andrew Harper.....10	Troy Halpin.....5
Bradley Hassell.....9	David Lowe.....5
Jason Bennett.....7	Ante Milicic.....5
Pablo Cardozo.....7	Brad Maloney.....5
Ivan Kelic.....7	Michael Musitano.....5
Tony Perinich.....7	Marko Perinovich.....5
Warren Spink.....7	Mike Smith.....5
Norman Tome.....7	Joe Spiteri.....5
Paul Trimboli.....7	



UTS Olympic



Adelaide City

THE TEAMS

Mike Gibson	1GK	Jason Petkovic
David Barrett (C)	2	Sasa Nedeljkovic
Adam Ciantar	3	Mark Yates
Derek Poimer	4	Milan Ivanovic
George Sorras	5	Alex Tobin (C)
Peter Tsekenis	6	Carlo Talladira
George Vallas	7	Damian Mori
Kimon Taliadoros	8	Bradley Hassell
Norman Tome	9	Joe Mullen
Chris Slater	10	John Gibson
Kris Trajanovski	11	Goran Lozanovski
Walter Ardone	12	Jamie Perin
Raphael Bove	13	Angelo Costanzo
Elias Augerinos	14	Bradley Armour
Nick Meredith	15	Joel Marino
	16	Dino Mennillo
Milan Blagojevic	17	Kosta Salapasisdis
	18	
Con Paradisis	19	Craig Foster
George Bouhoutos	20	Daniel Mignano
Carlos Gonzales	21	
Ivan Zelic	22	
Alistair Edwards	23	
	24	
	25	

David Ratcliffe

CM

John Perin

DAY	HOME	SCORE	AWAY	ATTENDANCE	PRESS
FRI 7.30	NEWCASTLE BREAKERS <i>Scorers:</i>	0 4	WEST ADELAIDE <i>Scorers:</i> Tsekenis (44,46), Aloisi (58), Cardozo (69)	1994/95-N/A 1995/96-3245 REFEREE: Mark Shield	049 501 708 BREAKERS STADIUM
SAT 7.00	CANBERRA COSMOS <i>Scorers:</i> Perinovich (26)	1 0	WOLLONGONG CITY <i>Scorers:</i>	1994/95-N/A 1995/96-1145 REFEREE: Derek Crawford	06 253 2111 BRUCE STADIUM
SAT 7.00	SYDNEY UNITED <i>Scorers:</i> Zdrilic (88).	1 0	BRISBANE STRIKERS <i>Scorers:</i>	1994/95-2430 1995/96-3719 REFEREE: Simon Micallef	02 823 8418 SYD UNITED SPTS CENTRE
SAT 7.00	MORWELL FALCONS <i>Scorers:</i> Masi (27)	1 1	UTS OLYMPIC <i>Scorers:</i> Tome (26)	1994/95-2860 1995/96-2168 REFEREE: John Papanicolas	051 345 519 MORWELL FALCONS PARK
SUN 7.30	ADELAIDE CITY <i>Scorers:</i> Mori (14,85pen)	2 1	SOUTH MELBOURNE <i>Scorers:</i> Coveny (36)	1994/95-3529 1995/96-4111 REFEREE: Eddie Lennie	08 346 5713 HINDMARSH STADIUM
SUN 7.00	MELBOURNE KNIGHTS <i>Scorers:</i>	0 0	MARCONI FAIRFIELD <i>Scorers:</i>	1994/95-3676 1995/96-6280 REFEREE: Eugene Brazzale	03 9311 4621 MELB CROAT SPTS CENTRE

ROUND 25 COMPARISON OF ATTENDANCE

1994/95 — 21 406
1995/96 — 20 668

UTS Olympic Youth Team 1995/96

ALGODELLIS, Stacey
BELLOAMIGO, Jose
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RIZZO, Nick

RASTALL, Kain
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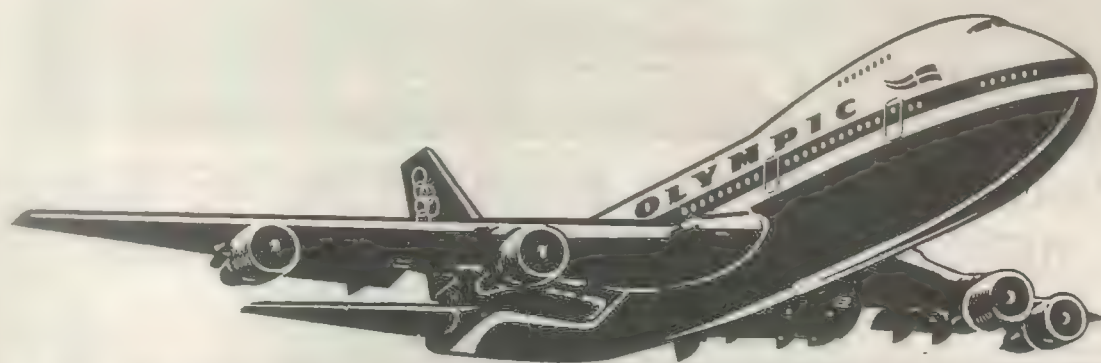
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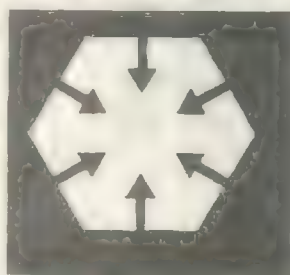
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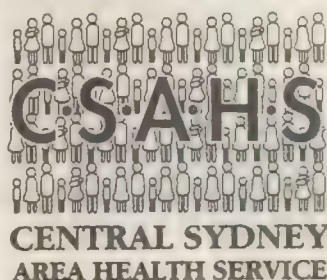


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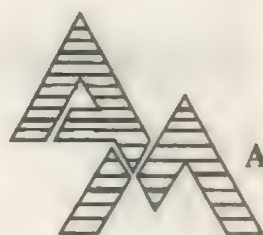
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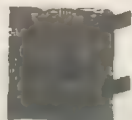
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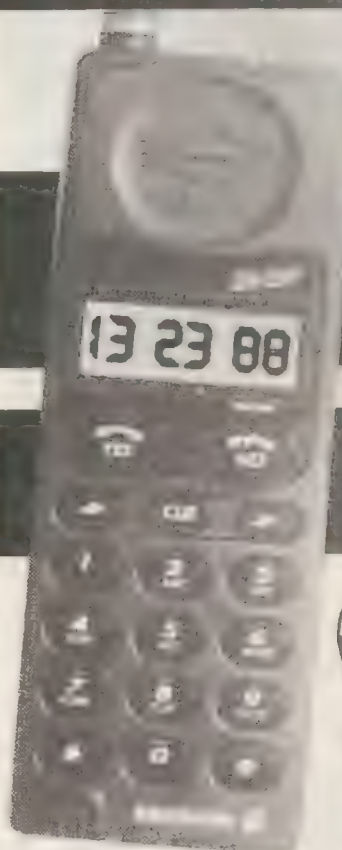
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170	(38)	Robert Ironside	1988-
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159	(17)	Grant Lee*	1988-94/95
144	(2)	Robert Hooker*	1987-91/92
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121	(5)	Andrew Bernal*	1989-93/94
120	(41)	Abbas Saad*	1987-93/94
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110	(39)	Mark Koussas*	1979-85
105	(9)	Terry Patalis	1983-88
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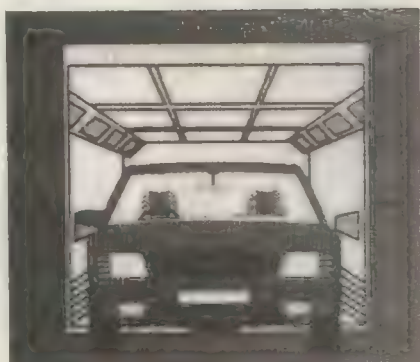


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1	07/10/95	SAT	Brisbane Strikers	v	Marconi Fairfield	1-3	SUNCORP STADIUM	07.30PM
1	07/10/95	SAT	Morwell Falcons	v	Wollongong City	4-1	MORWELL FALC PARK	07.00PM
1	08/10/95	SUN	Sydney United	v	West Adelaide	0-0	SYD CROAT SPT CEN	07.00PM
1	08/10/95	SUN	Adelaide City	v	Canberra Cosmos	2-0	HINDMARSH STADIUM	07.30PM
1	08/10/95	SUN	Melbourne Knights	v	South Melbourne	1-0	MEL CROAT SPTS CEN	07.00PM
2	13/10/95	FRI	South Melbourne	v	Morwell Falcons	1-0	OLYMPIC PARK	07.45PM
2	14/10/95	SAT	Canberra Cosmos	v	Sydney United	0-0	BRUCE STADIUM	07.00PM
2	14/10/95	SAT	Wollongong City	v	Adelaide City	0-2	BRANDON PARK	07.30PM
2	14/10/95	SAT	Marconi Fairfield	v	Newcastle Breakers	2-0	MARCONI STADIUM	07.30PM
2	15/10/95	SUN	UTS Olympic	v	Bolbourne Knights	1-0	LEIGHARDT OVAL	07.00PM
2	15/10/95	SUN	West Adelaide	v	Brisbane Strikers	1-0	HINDMARSH STADIUM	07.30PM
3	18/10/95	WED	Adelaide City	v	South Melbourne	1-2	HINDMARSH STADIUM	07.30PM
3	01/11/95	WED	Canberra Cosmos	v	Wollongong City	2-2	BRUCE STADIUM	07.30PM
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3	18/10/95	WED	Morwell Falcons	v	UTS Olympic	4-2	MORWELL FALC PARK	07.30PM
3	25/10/95	WED	Sydney United	v	Brisbane	1-0	SYD CROAT SPT CEN	07.30PM
4	20/10/95	FRI	Wollongong City	v	Sydney United	0-1	BRANDON PARK	07.45PM
4	21/10/95	SAT	Marconi Fairfield	v	Morwell Falcons	2-2	MARCONI STADIUM	07.00PM
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20	18/02/96	SUN	Melbourne Knights	v	Adelaide City	0-1	MEL CROAT SPT CEN	07.00PM
20	18/02/96	SUN	West Adelaide	v	South Melbourne	0-2	HINDMARSH STADIUM	07.30PM
21	23/02/96	FRI	Wollongong City	v	Newcastle Breakers	4-1	BRANDY PARK	07.45PM
21	24/02/96	SAT	Canberra Cosmos	v	Melbourne Knights	3-3	BRUCE STADIUM	07.00PM
21	24/02/96	SAT	Marconi Fairfield	v	Sydney United	3-1	MARCONI STADIUM	07.00PM
21	25/02/96	SUN	UTS Olympic	v	West Adelaide	3-2	LEIGHARDT OVAL	07.00PM
21	25/02/96	SUN	South Melbourne	v	Brisbane Strikers	0-0	LAKESIDE STADIUM	07.00PM
21	25/02/96	SUN	Adelaide City	v	Morwell Falcons	5-0	HINDMARSH STADIUM	07.30PM
22	01/03/96	FRI	Newcastle Breakers	v	South Melbourne	4-2	AUSTRAL PARK	07.45PM
22	02/03/96	SAT	Morwell Falcons	v	Canberra Cosmos	1-1	MORWELL FALC PARK	07.00PM
22	02/03/96	SAT	Brisbane Strikers	v	UTS Olympic	3-1	SUNCORP STADIUM	07.00PM
22	03/03/96	SUN	Sydney United	v	Adelaide City	2-2	SYD CROAT SPT CEN	07.00PM
22	03/03/96	SUN	Melbourne Knights	v	Wollongong City	1-0	MEL CROAT SPT CEN	07.00PM
22	03/03/96	SUN	West Adelaide	v	Marconi Fairfield	1-0	HINDMARSH STADIUM	07.30PM
23	08/03/96	FRI	Newcastle Breakers	v	UTS Olympic	3-0	AUSTRAL PARK	07.45PM
23	09/03/96	SAT	Brisbane Strikers	v	Marconi Fairfield	1-1	SUNCORP STADIUM	07.00PM
23	09/03/96	SAT	Morwell Falcons	v	Wollongong City	3-2	MORWELL FALC PARK	07.00PM
23	10/03/96	SUN	Adelaide City	v	Canberra Cosmos	6-0	HINDMARSH STADIUM	07.30PM
23	10/03/96	SUN	Melbourne Knights	v	South Melbourne	1-1	MEL CROAT SPT CEN	07.00PM
23	10/03/96	SUN	Sydney United	v	West Adelaide	3-0	SYD CROAT SPT CEN	07.00PM
24	12/03/96	TUES	Marconi Fairfield	v	Newcastle Breakers	3-1	MARCONI STADIUM	07.30PM
24	12/03/96	TUES	West Adelaide	v	Brisbane Strikers	3-0	HINDMARSH STADIUM	07.30PM
24	13/03/96	WED	Canberra Cosmos	v	Sydney United	1-1	BRUCE STADIUM	07.30PM
24	13/03/96	WED	Wollongong City	v	Adelaide City	3-3	BRANDON PARK	07.30PM
24	13/03/96	WED	South Melbourne	v	Morwell Falcons	—	LAKESIDE STADIUM	07.30PM
24	13/03/96	WED	UTS Olympic	v	Melbourne Knights	0-2	LEIGHARDT OVAL	07.30PM
25	15/03/96	FRI	Newcastle Breakers	v	West Adelaide	0-4	AUSTRAL PARK	07.45PM
25	16/03/96	SAT	Canberra Cosmos	v	Wollongong City	1-0	BRUCE STADIUM	07.00PM
25	16/03/96	SAT	Morwell Falcons	v	UTS Olympic	1-1	MORWELL FALC PARK	07.00PM
25	17/03/96	SUN	Adelaide City	v	South Melbourne	2-1	HINDMARSH STADIUM	07.30PM
25	17/03/96	SUN	Melbourne Knights	v	Marconi Fairfield	0-0	MEL CROAT SPT CEN	07.00PM
25	17/03/96	SUN	Sydney United	v	Brisbane Strikers	1-0	SYD CROAT SPT CEN	07.00PM
26	22/03/96	FRI	Wollongong City	v	Sydney United	—	BRANDON PARK	07.45PM
26	23/03/96	SAT	Brisbane Strikers	v	Newcastle Breakers	—	SUNCORP STADIUM	07.00PM
26	23/03/96	SAT	Marconi Fairfield	v	Morwell Falcons	—	MARCONI STADIUM	07.00PM
26	24/03/96	SUN	South Melbourne	v	Canberra Cosmos	—	LAKESIDE STADIUM	07.00PM
26	24/03/96	SUN	UTS Olympic	v	Adelaide City	—	LEIGHARDT OVAL	07.00PM
26	24/03/96	SUN	West Adelaide	v	Melbourne Knights	—	HINDMARSH STADIUM	07.30PM
27	27/03/96	WED	Wollongong City	v	South Melbourne	—	BRANDON PARK	07.30PM
27	27/03/96	WED	Canberra Cosmos	v	UTS Olympic	—	BRUCE STADIUM	07.30PM
27	27/03/96	WED	Morwell Falcons	v	West Adelaide	—	MORWELL FALC PARK	07.30PM
27	27/03/96	WED	Adelaide City	v	Marconi Fairfield	—	HINDMARSH STADIUM	07.30PM
27	20/03/96	WED	Melbourne Knights	v	Brisbane Strikers	—	MEL CROAT SPT CEN	07.30PM
27	20/03/96	WED	Sydney United	v	Newcastle Breakers	—	SYD CROAT SPT CEN	07.30PM
28	29/03/96	FRI	Newcastle Breakers	v	Melbourne Knights	—	AUSTRAL PARK	07.45PM
28	30/03/96	SAT	Brisbane Strikers	v	Morwell Falcons	—	SUNCORP STADIUM	07.00PM
28	30/03/96	SAT	Marconi Fairfield	v	Canberra Cosmos	—	MARCONI STADIUM	07.00PM
28	31/03/96	SUN	South Melbourne	v	Sydney United	—	LAKESIDE STADIUM	07.00PM
28	31/03/96	SUN	UTS Olympic	v	Wollongong City	—	LEIGHARDT OVAL	07.00PM
28	31/03/96	SUN	West Adelaide	v	Adelaide City	—	HINDMARSH STADIUM	07.30PM
29	06/04/96	SAT	Adelaide City	v	Brisbane Strikers	—	HINDMARSH STADIUM	07.30PM
29	06/04/96	SAT	Canberra Cosmos	v	West Adelaide	—	BRUCE STADIUM	07.00PM
29	06/04/96	SAT	South Melbourne	v	UTS Olympic	—	LAKESIDE STADIUM	07.00PM
29	06/04/96	SAT	Morwell Falcons	v	Newcastle Breakers	—	MORWELL FALC PARK	07.00PM
29	06/04/96	SAT	Sydney United	v	Melbourne Knights	—	SYD CROAT SPT CEN	07.00PM
29	06/04/96	SAT	Wollongong City	v	Marconi Fairfield	—	BRANDON PARK	07.00PM
30	08/04/96	MON	Newcastle Breakers	v	Adelaide City	—	AUSTRAL PARK	07.45PM
30	08/04/96	MON	Marconi Fairfield	v	South Melbourne	—	MARCONI STADIUM	07.30PM
30	08/04/96	MON	Brisbane Strikers	v	Canberra Cosmos	—	SUNCORP STADIUM	07.00PM
30	08/04/96	MON	UTS Olympic	v	Sydney United	—	LEIGHARDT OVAL	07.00PM
30	08/04/96	MON	West Adelaide	v	Wollongong City	—	HINDMARSH STADIUM	07.30PM
30	08/04/96	MON	Melbourne Knights	v	Morwell Falcons	—	MEL CROAT SPT CEN	07.00PM
31	12/04/96	FRI	Wollongong City	v	Brisbane Strikers	—	BRANDON PARK	07.45PM
31	13/04/96	SAT	Canberra Cosmos	v	Newcastle Breakers	—	BRUCE STADIUM	07.00PM
31	13/04/96	SAT	South Melbourne	v	West Adelaide	—	LAKESIDE STADIUM	07.00PM
31	14/04/96	SUN	Adelaide City	v	Melbourne Knights	—	HINDMARSH STADIUM	07.30PM
31	14/04/96	SUN	UTS Olympic	v	Marconi Fairfield	—	LEIGHARDT OVAL	07.00PM
31	14/04/96	SUN	Sydney United	v	Morwell Falcons	—	SYD CROAT SPT CEN	07.00PM
32	19/04/96	FRI	Newcastle Breakers	v	Wollongong City	—	AUSTRAL PARK	07.45PM
32	20/04/96	SAT	Brisbane Strikers	v	South Melbourne	—	SUNCORP STADIUM	07.00PM
32	20/04/96	SAT	Morwell Falcons	v	Adelaide City	—	MORWELL FALC PARK	07.00PM
32	21/04/96	SUN	Sydney United	v	Marconi Fairfield	—	SYD CROAT SPT CEN	07.00PM
32	21/04/96	SUN	West Adelaide	v	UTS Olympic	—	HINDMARSH STADIUM	07.30PM
32	21/04/96	SUN	Melbourne Knights	v	Canberra Cosmos	—	MEL CROAT SPT CEN	07.00PM
33	28/04/96	SUN	Wollongong City	v	Melbourne Knights	—	BRANDON PARK	07.00PM
33	28/04/96	SUN	Canberra Cosmos	v	Morwell Falcons	—	BRUCE STADIUM	07.00PM
33	28/04/96	SUN	Marconi Fairfield	v	West Adelaide	—	MARCONI STADIUM	07.00PM
33	28/04/96	SUN	Adelaide City	v	Sydney United	—	HINDMARSH STADIUM	07.00PM
33	28/04/96	SUN	South Melbourne	v	Newcastle Breakers	—	LAKESIDE STADIUM	07.00PM
33	28/04/96	SUN	UTS Olympic	v	Brisbane Strikers	—	LEIGHARDT OVAL	07.00PM

"Olympic Legends"

by TIM XIROS

PETER RASKOPOULOS

Sydney Olympic Honours:

- 232 First Grade Appearances
- 21 Goals
- Grand Final Runner Up - 1984, 86, 89
- Finalist-1985, 88
- Cup Winner - 1983, 85
- Cup Runner Up - 1989

International Honours:

- Member of Young Socceroos 1979
- Captain of Young Socceroos 1981
- 38 Socceroo Appearances
- 15 Full internationals
- 2 Goals
- 1980 vs New Caledonia, Papua New Guinea, Tahiti
- 1981 vs Dinamo Zagreb, Indonesia, Taiwan, Caroline Hill (HK)
- 1982 vs Thailand, Indonesia
- 1984 vs Manchester United, Nottingham Forest x2, Juventus, Iraklis x2, China, Beijing, Shanghai, Macao
- 1986 vs Czechoslovakia x2, Victorian All Stars, New Zealand x2, South Aust. All Stars, China x2, Shandong
- 1987 vs Everton, Morocco, Chile B, Shamrock Rivers, South Korea B, Egypt, South Korea, New Zealand
- 1989 vs Malmö (Sweden).

Having not only played for Sydney Olympic, but also captained, managed and coached, Peter Raskopoulos is ultimately an Olympic legend, Peter, commonly known as the great "Rasko", is without doubt the best midfielder to have played for the club. His playing record is brilliant at both club and international level, and he has most certainly mixed it with the best of them. The name Peter Raskopoulos, is definitely well respected and highly regarded amongst Olympic circles.

Rasko began his illustrious career playing for his local club, the Earlwood Wanderers. His remarkable talent became evident at a young age, forcing him to join Sydney Olympic in 1975, aged 13. Coaches remember Peter as a youngster with plenty of maturity beyond his young age.

In 1977 first grade coach Kaz Kulak recognised Peter's potential and gave him the opportunity to make his senior team debut. Peter, then aged 15, became the youngest player to ever play in the National Soccer League. It is a feat so far only matched by Chris Kalantzis and John Markovski.

Peter then went on to represent Australia in the 1979 World Youth Championships. From here he went on to captain the team in 1981 on home soil. An experience Peter regards as the highlight of his distinguished career.

Senior international honours soon followed and Peter became an integral part of the Socceroos. Peter in his career accomplished 38 appearances, including 15 full internationals for the Socceroos. He played alongside names such as David Ratcliffe, Eddie Krmecic, David Mitchell, Alan Davidson, John Kosmina, Graham Arnold, Oscar Crino, Frank Farina, Jim Patikas and Charlie Yankos. All considered as legends in Australian soccer history.

Plenty of memorable moments were achieved at Sydney Olympic, including the grand final appearances in 1984 against South Melbourne and in 1986 against Adelaide City, but the triumph Peter cherishes the most is as captain holding aloft the 1985 NSL Cup. Peter remembers this game against Preston with great joy and pride.

A serious back injury in 1989 sadly ended the brilliant playing career of Peter and brought great disappointment to his army of supporters. The board though had other ideas and the next season without hesitation appointed him alongside coach Mick Hickman as team manager. Under the Hickman and Rasko combination the team achieved the greatest glory in its 30 year history. Sydney Olympic won its first ever National Soccer League Championship.

In 1992/93, Peter became coach of Olympic and after some average performances resigned and handed over the reigns to the more experienced Bertie Mariani. His resignation was a major shock to all the fans, who believed that Rasko was the best man for the job.

At Olympic for 12 years, Peter played alongside plenty of talented players. He lists his Sydney Olympic Dream Team as follows:

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| 1. Gary Meier | 6. Mick Coady | 11. Chris Kalantzis |
| 2. Martin Rodgers | 7. Jim Patikas | |
| 3. Graeme Jennings | 8. Peter Raskopoulos | |
| 4. Andrew Berna | 9. Marshall Soper | |
| 5. Jim Zeras | 10. Branko Milosevic | |

The Rasko legend believes that the current team is well balanced and has a great coach. After all, having played alongside David Ratcliffe he does know his style. He says that with a bit of lady luck, and knowing how vital luck is in soccer, the team is definitely championship potential. And who can argue with Rasko?

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